

Purpose of Life?

Allah's name (we) begin with the Most Affectionate the Merciful

The gift of life is a great bounty of Our Creator, the Lord of the Worlds, Allah the almighty. Every time we breathe warm air into our lungs, every time we feel our heart beating, every time we are able to open our eyes and experience the beauty of this world, it is a gift. This life was given to us for a purpose greater than ourselves. To do things which have an objective greater than all worldly wealth and goodies. Whenever we are given any gift; let's say an item to use and we do not put it to a good use, it is as if we have wasted that gift. Now imagine, this life, this gift is given to you for a purpose and if you are not putting it to fulfilling that purpose; you are wasting it.

When was the last time we did a thing to benefit someone other than ourselves? When was the last time we did a thing for a higher purpose? For the betterment of humanity? To please our Creator? And if we didn't; then tell me what have we done to our lives?

If you're wondering right now what is that purpose. Then let us ask the Magnificent Qur'an about it. The Qur'an says:

***“And I created the Jinn and men, only for them to worship me”
(51:56)***

Now, praying the Namaz is worship undoubtedly, but the concept of worship in Islam is vast, if you smile seeing your fellow brethren that too is a good deed. If you remove a thorn or any harmful substance from the path; it is also a good deed and will be written in your book of deeds.

Therefore, we can broadly say that anything which a Muslim does according to the teachings of Islam is worship. Abstaining from bad deeds and restraining oneself from the innate desires is also an act of worship.

Thus, if we ponder into it, our purpose of life should be to become the people with best characters, best behavior, and people with most tender, most valiant and bravest of hearts. People who forgive often and never revenge. People, who help the needy and feed the poor and orphans, Folks who love each other and spread peace in the earth. Warriors who, take up the sword in their hands only to preserve the peace on earth and avenge the atrocities done to the helpless, people who use force to bring evil ones to justice.

Islam calls you towards that higher purpose, towards a better tomorrow, towards sanctity and spiritual ecstasy, towards honor and esteem, joy and happiness, tranquility and nobility, justice and truth, love and affection, braveness and valor, brotherhood and affiliation and ultimately towards earning the pleasure of your Creator Allah the almighty. Achieving the same through following the character of the best of creation, the Chosen one, the best in character, the Master of the Worlds, the Knower of Unseen, the giver of glad

tidings and the warner about hellfire, the representative of Allah on earth, our Master, the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). His way is the best of ways, his method is the best of methods, his creed is the best of creed. His intelligence is far more than the combined intelligence of all great thinkers or learned ones ever to stroll upon the earth. He has immense power and blessings. Everything which Allah bestows upon the creation is through his (the Prophet's) blessed hands.

Hence, I ask you, O dear reader! What is that you're living your life for? What is the very purpose of your life? Is it riches or wealth? A woman (or a man in other case) perhaps? Or is it immense power and influence? If it is anything from the above, then Behold! All of this is temporary and will perish soon. Riches will deplete, power will diminish, influence will ebb, and a woman's touch will fade away. But, what is permanent is the good deeds that you do. If, you live your life for the greater purpose which is to please Allah the almighty, to follow the creed of Islam. Then, my dear friend! Your life is worth living for and all the ordeals that you are facing are worth it. Else, all of your efforts will go in vain. You will vanish from the surface of this earth as others have vanished, with no one to cry over you or to commemorate your living. The choice is up to you, I will take your leave now with this small question; think about it, "What is the purpose of your life?"

May, Allah the almighty guide us to understand the true purpose of our being and work to reach the actual greatness we were meant to achieve. And may, we always keep following the footsteps of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) and the pious Auliya (upon them be mercy). Ameen

- Sag e Bargah e Tajushariyah (Allah is pleased with him)

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